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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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FROM:

Legislative Counsel  
7D35 HQ

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26 July 1976

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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Attached is a draft letter I have prepared in response to the 1 July Senate Select Committee letter regarding dissemination of the FBI cable. I have not included the attachments--Attachment A is merely copies of several Agency regulations; Attachment B is a report prepared under the auspices of the Inspector General last April. I did not make copies of this report because of its length. I propose to send all of that report except for the three-page introduction. Please let me have your comments by COB 27 July, if possible. Thank you.

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Robert W. Gambino  
Director of Security

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27 July 1976

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am responding to your letter regarding the 24 June 1976 Washington Star article concerning dissemination of an FBI cable to CIA. CIA did receive a copy of this cable, which reported on a rally in front of the Federal Building in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The demonstrators carried placards denouncing the CIA and FBI. The cable did not contain the names of any of the participants, nor were the participants in any way identified except as "16 individuals."

It is the responsibility of CIA's Office of Security to carry out the mandate of Section 4(b) of Executive Order 11905 to "protect the security of its [CIA] installations, activities, information, and personnel." Section 5(b)(7)(vi) of the Order further authorizes CIA to collect information concerning persons or activities which pose "a clear threat" to Agency facilities or personnel. Messages such as the subject FBI cable alert the Office of Security to potential problems, so that Agency personnel can be notified if danger or violence appears imminent.

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When the FBI cable was received at the Agency's Cable Secretariat, the action copy was sent to the Office of Security. Copies also went into the Cable Secretariat's chronological reference file, and to the Operations Directorate, which handles the large majority of Agency contacts with the FBI. Two components of the Office of Security

received copies; both concluded that there was no indication of a clear threat to Agency facilities or personnel. Office of Security copies were then destroyed, with no action taken. Operations Directorate personnel also had no interest in the message, and those copies have been destroyed as well.

The publicity given dissemination of this cable has highlighted the need for the Office of Security to delineate more precisely the types of FBI information it needs. The Director of Security has met with FBI officials, and a draft letter spelling out the information requirements of the Office of Security has been prepared. This letter is currently being reviewed by FBI officials. I will be happy to provide the Committee a copy of the final agreement.

With regard to your request on the collection, analysis, production, dissemination, use or retention of information on U.S. citizens, the most recent guidelines are described in E.O. 11905. These  
STAT guidelines have been integrated into CIA internal regulations

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In response to your request for a complete report on CIA intelligence or security files which include the names of American citizens, I am submitting a copy of a report prepared internally in April of this year (Attachment B). This report separates these files into three categories: administrative records on employees or others who have or have had a relationship with CIA (category 1); files created for specific purposes, such as the MHCHAOS files, which are no longer used but which cannot be destroyed (category 2); and current files on non-employees which the Agency maintains to fulfill its foreign intelligence, counter-intelligence, or security missions.

I trust the above is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

George Bush  
Director

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